



# Iowa's Top Health Issues: Healthy Aging

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# Summary

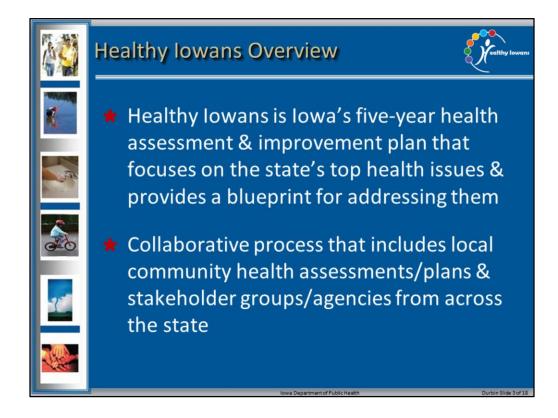


- Overview of Healthy Iowans methods
- Healthy lowans and healthy aging
- \* Tools, lessons learned, and improvement

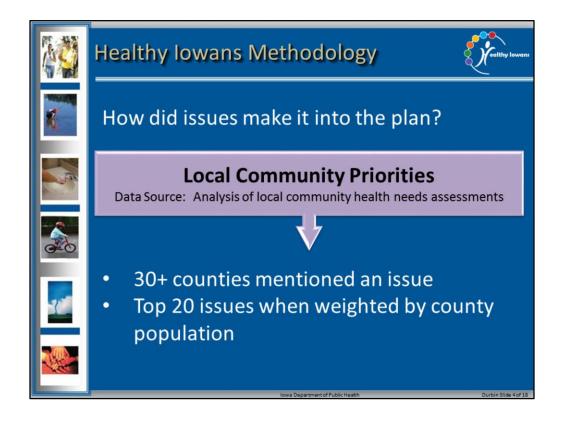
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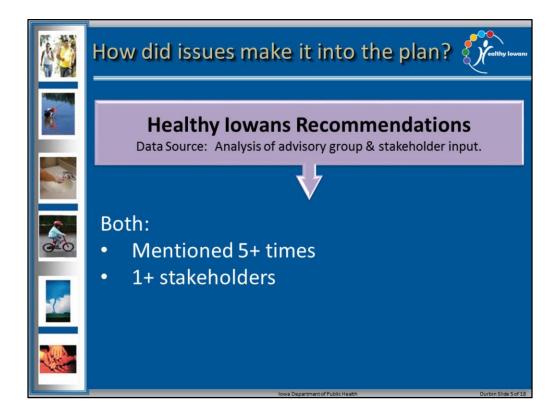
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- Recognizes that public health does not exist in a vacuum but is a shared responsibility with many other partners.
- Links to other plans including county health improvement plans, IDPH statewide plans & state level plans from dozens of stakeholders
- Collaborative approach to improve health by incorporating health considerations into decision making across sectors & policy areas.
- Fundamental component of accreditation.



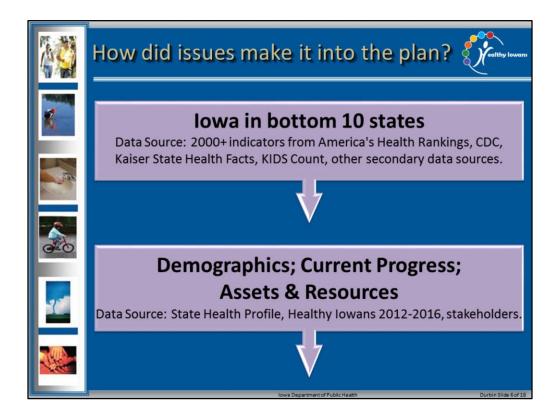
- Over 120 issue topics & tags for lifespan & special populations
  - > Youth, elderly, minority, low income, disability
- ➤ In total, 99 counties identified 2,479 issues
- Analysis & categorization of those issues is the foundation for Healthy lowans
  - Ability to roll needs up in different ways
- ➤ Depending on comprehensiveness of report/assessment the list may not reflect all of the needs/issues that exist within a particular community
- ➤ Results only reflect what was cited in the CHNA report submitted by each county



IDPH staff analyzed more than 120 recommendation forms and 285 recommended priority health issues from approximately 140 committees, organizations, state agencies, and individuals.

- NWS\*: Obesity, Nutrition & Physical Activity (23 mentions, 17 stakeholders)
- Mental Health, Illness & Suicide (19, 16)
- SDH\*\*: Access HS\*\*\*: Mental Health (Lack of Providers and/or Facilities) (13, 12)
- Tobacco/Nicotine Use (12, 9)

17 specific mentions of older population – 13 different stakeholders

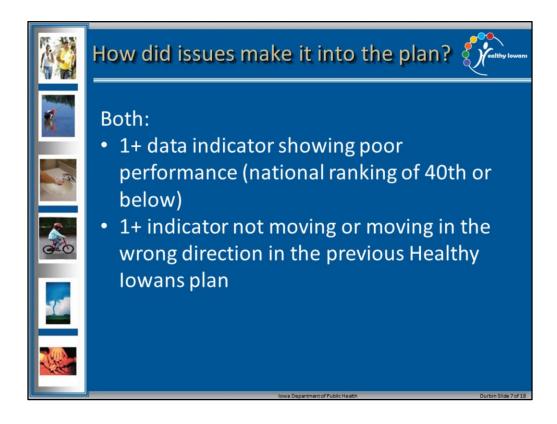


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- Percentage of adults aged 65 and older with arthritis who report arthritis or joint pain does not limit their usual activities – 45th
- Percentage of adults aged 65 and older who report having had a fall within the last 12 months – 40th
- Percentage of the estimated deficit of geriatricians [estimated shortfall /minimum required number] – 40th
- Alzheimer's disease deaths (per 100,000 age 65+) 47<sup>th</sup>

### Demographics, etc.

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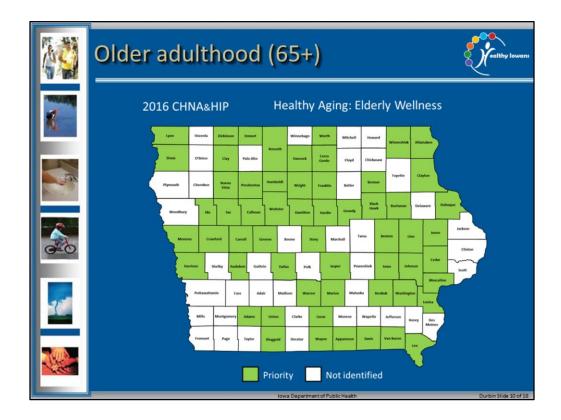
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Including maternal, infant, & child health; early & middle childhood; adolescence; early & middle adulthood; and older adulthood.



There were 120 mentions of older adults as a target population from 58 different counties.

### Top 5 issues:

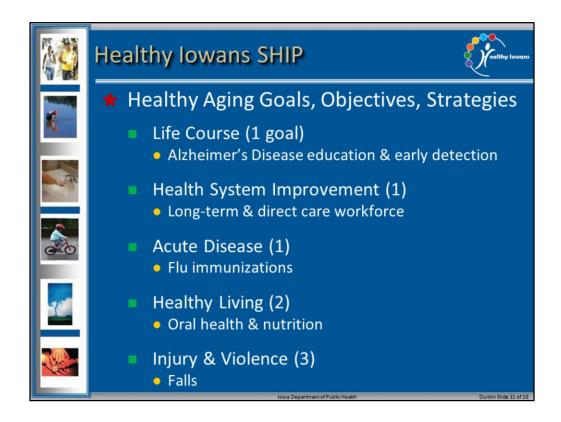
Injury: Falls (22 counties)

Aging in Place; Support Services (14)

Mental Health, Illness & Suicide, including Alzheimer's / Dementia (13)

Flu Immunizations (11) SDH: Transportation (9)

In comparison, children / youth (under 18) were mentioned 460 times as a target population by 88 different counties.



8 goals, 11 objectives, 19 strategies

- Increase awareness about Alzheimer's disease and the importance of early detection to increase early detection. (20, 2S)
- Ensure a stable health and long-term care direct care workforce prepared to provide quality care and support to lowans. (10, 1S)
- Increase influenza vaccinations in adults 65 years of age and older. (10, 2S)
- Improve access to nutritious meals, including access to fresh produce, for older lowans ultimately empowering them to stay active and healthy. (20, 4S)
- Assure optimal oral health for aging lowans. (10, 3S)
- Reduce falls in the elderly population. (40, 7S)



# **Healthy Iowans SHIP**

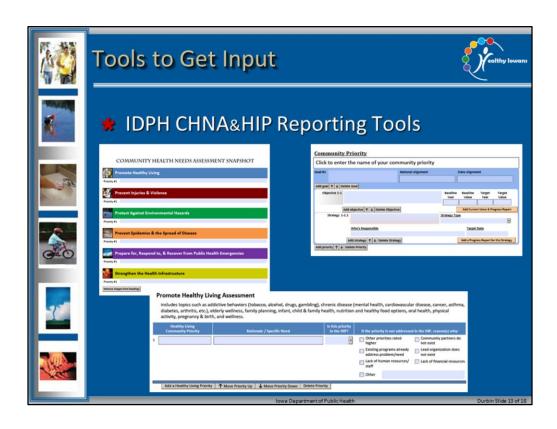


### Healthy Aging Goals, Objectives, Strategies

- Organizations
  - Alzheimer's Association
  - Iowa Caregivers
  - Iowa Department of Public Health
  - Iowa Department on Aging
  - Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition
  - Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
  - Iowa Nurses Association
  - Iowa Pharmacy Association
- Counties (27)

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### Lessons Learned



- Capitalize on existing planning
  - Program advisory committees
  - Statewide planning groups/coalitions
  - Other state agencies
- Choose life course as an overarching theme and request goals to address it

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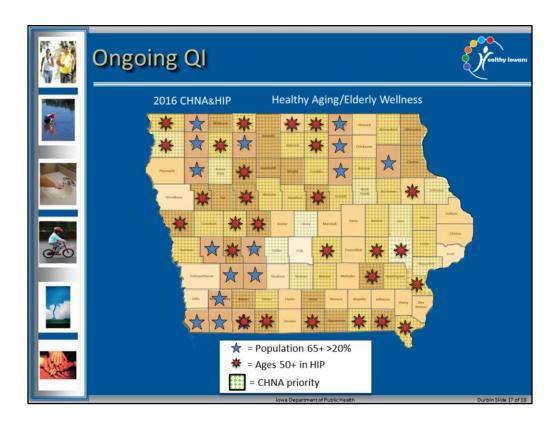
# Ongoing QI



- Technical assistance on writing goals, objectives, and strategies
- Encouraging coalition development, especially organizing around overarching themes rather than health topics or diseases
- Improving the tools

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